Central and State Governments/Union Territories; online and secure connectivity between Multi-Agency Centre, Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres and State Special Branches; amendments in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism, operationalization of the National Investigation Agency to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts in the Schedule; etc.

(b) and (c) Internal Security situation in the country as a whole and in a particular State is reviewed from time to time, and decisions arrived in such meetings are taken up with the concerned State(s)/ Agencies for implementation. Internal Security situation in Andhra Pradesh was reviewed recently, wherein issues relating security of vital installations, security environment in Hyderabad City and certain other locations, coastal security, NSG hub, etc. were discussed.

(d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects as per the Constitution. However, the Government is providing financial assistance for raising India Reserve Battalions. The Government also provides financial assistance to the States to meet the emerging challenges of policing under various Schemes such as, inter alia, Modernization of State Police Forces; Reimbursement under Security Related Expenditure Schemes for J&K, NE States and naxal affected States; and also for need-specific policing by way of Mega City Policing Scheme; Desert Policing Scheme; Coastal Security Scheme; Border Area Development Scheme.

Need for inter-State border roads

2800. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government would examine the need of inter-State border roads so as to facilitate the people living in the border areas and also consequently solve the long pending inter-State border problems all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has intimated that there is no scheme to develop inter-State border roads.

Strengthening security and intelligence apparatus to tackle naxalism

2801. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxals have become greater threat than previous years with targeted attacks on police men and security officials;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that naxals are getting help from some elements outside of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what has been done to weed out informers, present within the system in the nasal affacted States; and